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TO: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: EMR Category II Testing

Dear Gregg,

This letter confirms your 11 March 1967 phone conversation with Phil on this subject. At last week's Cat II review, [REDACTED] decided that Category II EMR testing would continue as to present until completed. (About 12-15 successful flights remain.) It was also decided that all Cat II aircraft would remain at Edwards until at least 1 June 1967 to expedite completion of testing.

To accomplish EMR test objectives in minimum time, you should plan to retain your present Cat II support capability until at least 30 June 1967. This support must take priority over Beale support, especially in your field shop. If key personnel who have already gone to Beale are needed at Edwards please make whatever arrangements you can to return them to Edwards temporarily.

Other specific support items which you should review for adequacy are:

1. Condition and status of OPS AGE #2  
[REDACTED] told Phil it has not worked properly for several months.)
2. Technical support of SCL maintenance and DPOD operation.
3. Condition of data processing overlays (overlay 14 did not work properly when sent to Beale and valuable time may be lost if 15 and 16 are delivered in a similar condition).

4. Quantity of good quality tapes for the wide band vehicle recorders and ground reproducer units.

5. Adequacy of spares support for both the EMRs and OPS AGE (again Edwards must take precedence and we are so informing the PSO).

I would like to discuss MPC use, acceptance, modification and movement with you at your earliest convenience. The primary need for the MPC at Edwards is reduction of MRS data, and since this task is vital to all aspects of Cat II test we must maintain this capability at Edwards until about 1 July. Accordingly, I would like you to consider the feasibility of postponing rework of the two digital formatter "pages" involved with MRS data until July and performing all other mod work on a non-interference basis as soon as possible.

Regards,

Paul

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